

Hearing loss in infants needs early detection

DEAR ABBY: A professional nanny in Ohio agonized over whether to tell the mother of twins in her care that one of them might be hearing-impaired. You advised her to notify the mother immediately, and that the children's pediatrician should be told during their next scheduled visit.

I am a pediatrician with a special interest in deafness and a trustee at the Clarke School for the Deaf in Massa-



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chusetts. Although I agree with your advice that the nanny should speak to the infant's mother, please let your readers know that there is some urgency involved. Infants should be screened at birth. If deaf infants receive hearing aids and appropriate therapy before 6 months of age, they have a good chance at normal speech and language development.

After 1 year of age, the chances for normal development begin to dimin-

ish. If any caregiver suspects hearing loss in an infant, that child's hearing should be tested as soon as possible. —CONCERNED PEDIATRICIAN, NOR THAMP-TON, MASS.

DEAR CONCERNED: Thank you for your informative letter. I was not aware that the timing was critical. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two hearing-impaired children. I have struggled to get our government representatives to understand the value of early detection and push to make it a law for all newborns to be tested. However, until one of them is faced with disability, I'm sure nothing will be done.

Hearing impairment can be de-

teated while the child is still in the womb, and Crib-o-Grams can detect the impairment before the child leaves the hospital. Time is essential to ensure good speech and a normal life.

That nanny should urge the mother to notify the children's pediatrician immediately. — BEEN THERE, DONE THAT IN MICHIGAN

DEAR B.T.D.T.: I'm sure that many parents will be interested to know that prenatal testing can be done. Thank you.

DEAR ABBY: My son was fitted with his first set of hearing aids at 4 months. He is now 20 and has none of the speech patterns associated with hearing impairment. He had a home-

based tutor until he was almost 3 and then was enrolled in a federally funded preschool language program with the local school district. It was a godsend.

Please do that nanny, the parents and the child a huge favor and tell the mother to contact the doctor right away for a brain-stem hearing test. Don't wait for the child's first birthday. Children understand our words long before they can say them back to us. — MOM WHO HAS BEEN THERE

DEAR MOM: I have learned more from my mothers than I could in a classroom.

DEAR ABBY: It is imperative that parents are aware of the fact that deaf-

ness is the most commonly overlooked disability. Parents also need to be aware of the deaf culture. Many deaf people, myself included, do not consider themselves disabled. If the twin is deaf or has some hearing loss, the parents and the nanny should make it a point to meet some deaf people in their community. They could best relate to the family and offer some excellent advice.

Also, Abby, the term "hearing-impaired" is no longer as acceptable as it once was. Deaf people should be referred to as "deaf" or "people who have hearing loss." — BRIANA IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR BRIANA: I hear you loud and clear. I stand corrected.

		E=Eagle Cable S=S&T Telephone JAN. 4, 2005									
E	S	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files Prostitute helps police. [E]	Cold Case Files [E]	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan "Slam Dunk" [E]	Cold Case Files Prostitute helps police. [E]			
4	6	ABC	College Football FedEx Orange Bowl -- Oklahoma vs. USC [E]				News [E]	[05] Nightline [E]	[05] Nightline [E]	Jimmy Kimmel Live [E]	
26	48	ANPL	Austin Stevens: Snake-master [E]	The Most Extreme "Speed" [E]	Animal Cops Houston "Deer Rescue" [E]	Austin Stevens: Snake-master [E]	The Most Extreme "Speed" [E]				
63	54	BRAVO	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]	The West Wing Election night concludes. [E]	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy [E]				
7	11	CBS	Red Carpet Confidential (N) [E]	The Amazing Race 6 (N) [E]	Judging Amy "Lullaby" [E]	News [E]	[35] Late Show Ethan Hawke, Alicia Keys. (N) [E]	Late Late Show [E]			
24	50	DISC	Monster Nation Hot rod tooth brush. [E]	Monster Garage "Swamp Buggy" [E]	American Chopper "Leno Bike 2" [E]	New Detectives: Forensic Science [E]	Deadliest Job in the World [E]				
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	That's So Raven [E]	★ ★ "Model Behavior" (2000, Comedy) Kathie Lee Gifford, Justin Timberlake. [E]		
49	81	E!TV	Mary Kay Letourneau Tilt Preview [E]	For Love or Money [E]	Life Great [E]	Good to Be [E]	Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Saturday Night Live [E]		
22	56	ESPN	(5:30) ESPN 100 [E]	NBA Nation (Live) [E]			Basketball [E]	Streetball [E]	Fastbreak [E]	NFL Live [E]	
32	46	FAM	★ ★ "Little Giants" (1994) Rick Moranis. [E]	Whose? [E]	Whose? [E]	The 700 Club [E]	Experiment [E]	Experiment [E]	Experiment [E]	Experiment [E]	
59	-	FIT TV	Ultimate Goals (N) [E]	Extremists [E]	Extremists [E]	Ultimate Goals [E]	Extremists [E]	Extremists [E]	Extremists [E]	Extremists [E]	
35	31	FMC	[01] ★ ★ "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992) [E]	[01] ★ ★ "Downtown" (1990) Forest Whitaker [E]	"Demetrius-Glad" [E]						
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live "Herbs and Spices" [E]	Roker on the Road [E]	Roker on the Road [E]	\$40-a-Day "Paris" [E]	\$40-a-Day [E]	Iron Chef "Battle Saury" [E]	Emeril Live "Herbs and Spices" [E]		
13	7	FOX	Billionaire: Branson's Quest for the Best [E]	House "Pilot" [E]	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]	Bob Newhart [E]	Bob Newhart [E]	Mary Tyler Moore [E]	Mary Tyler Moore [E]		
40	38	FX	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]	Fear Factor [E]	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]	★ ★ "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991) [E]			
30	55	FXSP	Sports List [E]	Rocky Mt. [E]	Best Damn Sports Show [E]	Period [E]	Sports List [E]	Rocky Mt. [E]	I, Max (N) [E]		
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ "Marvin's Room" (1996) "PG-13" [E]	(15) ★ ★ "The Laramie Project" (2002, Drama) Dylan Baker, Stephen Belber. [E]	★ ★ "50 First Dates" (2004) Adam Sandler. [E]	PG-13 [E]	Elektra-Look [E]				
62	67	HGTV	Designed [E]	Designer [E]	Decorating [E]	Mission [E]	Designers [E]	Design [E]	House [E]	Designed [E]	
58	52	HIST	Wild West Tech "Execution Tech" [E]	Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters 8" [E]	Modern Marvels "Chicago's Sears Tower." [E]	Modern Marvels "Macinac Bridge" [E]	Wild West Tech "Execution Tech" [E]				
25	35	IND	Friends [E]	Friends [E]	Sex and the City [E]	Sex and the City [E]	(10) ★ ★ ★ "Jerry Maguire" (1996, Comedy-Drama) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. A crisis of conscience costs a sports agent his job. [E]				
18	63	LIFE	(5:00) "Echo" (1997) [E]	"Trapped: Buried Alive" (2002) Jack Wagner. [E]	The Nanny [E]	Golden [E]	The Nanny [E]	Golden [E]			
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]	Challenge [E]	Never [E]	Punk'd [E]	Punk'd [E]	Real World [E]	Real World [E]		
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. Tonight [E]	The Biggest Loser (N) [E]	Committed [E]	Dateline NBC (N) [E]	News [E]	[35] The Tonight Show [E]	[37] Late Night Show [E]	
8	8	NBC	The Biggest Loser (N) [E]	Committed [E]	Dateline NBC (N) [E]	News [E]	[35] The Tonight Show [E]	[37] Late Night Show [E]			
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [E]	School [E]	Fatherhood [E]	Fresh Pr. [E]	Fresh Pr. [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Roseanne [E]	Fresh Pr. [E]
2	2	PBS	Nova The progress of two rovers on Mars. (N) [E]	Martin Luther "Driven to Defiance" [E]	Frontline "The Jesus Factor" [E]	BBC World News [E]	That's My Boy [E]	Charlie Rose (N) [E]			
38	83	SCIFI	(5:00) ★ ★ "It" (1990, Horror) John Ritter, Richard Thomas. [E]	CSI: Crime Scn [E]	CSI: Crime Scn [E]	★ ★ "Jaws 2" [E]					
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [E]	Wildest Police Videos [E]	Clean Sweep "Teachers Learn a Lesson" [E]	In a Fix [E]	American Hot Rod "65 Mustang 1" [E]	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart" (N) [E]			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]	Clean Sweep "Teachers Learn a Lesson" [E]	In a Fix [E]	American Hot Rod "65 Mustang 1" [E]	Overhaulin' "High School Sweetheart" (N) [E]				
28	37	TNT	Law & Order "Dazzled" [E]	Law & Order "Patsy" [E]	Charmed [E]	House [E]	Design [E]	House [E]	Mission [E]	Designed [E]	
51	86	TRAV	Fantastic Fast Food [E]	Made [E]	Made [E]	World's Mightiest Bank [E]	Fantastic Fast Food [E]	Made [E]	Made [E]		
21	82	TVLND	Munsters [E]	GreenAcre [E]	Griffith [E]	Leave [E]	Sanford [E]	All-Family [E]	3's Co. [E]	3's Co. [E]	Cheers [E]
60	89	UNIV	Rubi [E]	Amor Real [E]	Veremos Todo [E]	Impacto [E]	Noticiero [E]	Los Metiches [E]			
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [E]	★ ★ "The Relic" (1997) [E]	Penelope Ann Miller. [E]	Law & Order: SVU [E]	Access Hlywd [E]				
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond [E]	Gilmore Girls "We Got Us a Pippi Virgin" [E]	High School Reunion (N) [E]	News [E]	Friends [E]	Will & Grace [E]		
99	36	WGN	"In the Heat of the Night: A Matter of Justice" [E]	WGN News at Nine [E]	Becker [E]	Becker [E]	Home Delivery [E]				

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E	S	6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30
36	53	A&E	Cold Case Files [E]	The First 48 "A Serial Killer Calls" A serial killer calls 911. (N) [E]	Bounty Hunter	Crossing Jordan [E]	Cold Case Files [E]				
4	6	ABC	Life as we know it "A Little Problem" (N) [E]	Extreme Makeover (N) [E]	PrimeTime Live (N) [E]	News [E]	[35] Nightline [E]	[06] Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E]			
26	48	ANPL	The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]	Pet Star [E]	Animal Cops Houston "Trouble" [E]	The Planet's Funniest Animals [E]	Pet Star [E]				
63	54	BRAVO	★ ★ ★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell. Kevin Costner's Oscar-winning vision of the American West. "PG-13" [E]	Without a Trace "4.0" (N) [E]	News [E]	[35] Late Show (N) [E]	Late Late Show [E]				
7	11	CBS	Wickedly Perfect "Perfectly Prepared Apples" [E]	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N) [E]	Without a Trace "4.0" (N) [E]	News [E]	[35] Late Show (N) [E]	Late Late Show [E]			
24	50	DISC	Monster Nation Fire-breathing electric organ. [E]	Monster Garage Donut shop in a police car. [E]	American Chopper [E]	Monster Nation Building a Hovercraft Lazyboy. [E]	Skip Tracers: Real Life Adventures [E]				
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Even Stevens [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Sister, Sister [E]	That's So Raven [E]	★ ★ "Life-Size" (2000) Tyra Banks. A motherless child casts a spell that brings a doll to life. [E]		
49	81	E!TV	Mary-Kate & Ashley [E]	Heir [E]	Life Great [E]	R. 90210 [E]	Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Saturday Night Live [E]		
22	56	ESPN	(5:00) PGA Golf Mercedes Championships -- First Round. [E]	SportsCenter (Live) [E]			Burning [E]	Outside [E]			
54	57	ESPN2	College Basketball [E]	College Basketball Memphis at Texas. (Live) [E]	College Basketball Gonzaga at Santa Clara. [E]		Experiment [E]	Experiment [E]			
32	46	FAM	"Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" [E]	Whose? [E]	Whose? [E]	The 700 Club [E]	Experiment [E]	Experiment [E]			
59	-	FIT TV	No Opportunity Wasted [E]	Extremists [E]	Extremists [E]	Extreme Survival [E]	No Opportunity Wasted [E]	Extremists [E]	Extremists [E]		
35	31	FMC	[01] ★ ★ "Call of the Wild" (1935, Adventure) [E]	[01] ★ ★ "Come to the Stable" (1949, Drama) [E]	[01] ★ ★ "Clive of India" [E]						
53	68	FOOD	Emeril Live Flank steak with mushroom ragout. [E]	Take It Off [E]	Good Eats [E]	Good Eats [E]	Emeril Live Flank steak with mushroom ragout. [E]				
13	7	FOX	The O.C. "Family Ties" (N) [E]	North Shore "Shark" (N) [E]	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith [E]	Bob Newhart [E]	Bob Newhart [E]	Mary Tyler Moore [E]	Mary Tyler Moore [E]		
40	38	FX	(5:00) "Smallpox" (2005) [E]	Fear Factor [E]	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]	King of Hill [E]		
30	55	FXSP	Sports List [E]	Rocky Mt. [E]	Sports List [E]	Football [E]	College Basketball Arizona at California. (Live) [E]	I, Max (N) [E]			
5	14	HBO	(5:30) ★ ★ "I Spy" (2002) Eddie Murphy. [E]	(15) ★ ★ "The Transporter" (2002, Action) Jason Statham, Shu Qi. [E]	PG-13 [E]						
62	67	HGTV	Mission [E]	Designed [E]	Design [E]	Designers [E]	House [E]	Design [E]	House [E]	Mission [E]	Designed [E]
58	52	HIST	True Warriors "Death From Above" [E]	True Warriors "Urgent Fury" [E]	Modern Marvels "Extreme Aircraft" [E]	Modern Marvels "Drag Racing" [E]	True Warriors "Death From Above" [E]				
25	35	IND	Friends [E]	Friends [E]	★ ★ "The Sweetest Thing" (2002, Comedy) Cameron Diaz, Christina Applegate. [E]	(8:55) ★ ★ "Blast From the Past" (1999) Brendan Fraser, Alicia Silverstone. [E]	(DVS) [E]				
18	63	LIFE	"Deep Family Secrets" [E]	★ ★ "Three Secrets" (1999) Jaclyn Smith. [E]	The Nanny [E]	Golden [E]	The Nanny [E]	Golden [E]			
23	77	MTV	TRL (iTV) [E]	Pimp Ride [E]	Pimp Ride [E]	Challenge [E]	Challenge [E]	Made [E]			
3	9	NBC	News [E]	Ent. Tonight [E]	Joey (N) [E]	Committed (N) [E]	Will & Grace (N) [E]	Will & Grace (N) [E]	Medium "Suspensions and Certainties" (N) [E]	News [E]	The Tonight Show [E]
8	8	NBC	Joey (N) [E]	Committed (N) [E]	Will & Grace (N) [E]	Will & Grace (N) [E]	Medium "Suspensions and Certainties" (N) [E]	News [E]	[35] The Tonight Show (N) [E]	[37] Late Night [E]	
34	43	NICK	SpongeBob [E]	Romeo! [E]	Full House [E]	Full House [E]	Fresh Pr. [E]	Cosby [E]	Roseanne [E]	Roseanne [E]	Fresh Pr. [E]
2	2	PBS	Sunflower Journeys [E]	Kansas Spotlight [E]	The New This Old House Hour (N) [E]	George Jones, 50 Years of Hits [E]	BBC World News [E]	Keeping Up [E]	Charlie Rose (N) [E]		
38	83	SCIFI	Ghost Hunters [E]	Ghost Hunters [E]	Ghost Hunters [E]	Ghost Hunters [E]	"Lost Voyage" (2001) Judd Nelson, Janet Gunn. [E]				
61	41	SPK	Maximum Exposure [E]	Wildest Police Videos [E]	CSI: Crime Scn [E]	CSI: Crime Scn [E]	MGC (N) [E]	MGC [E]			
39	51	TLC	While You Were Out [E]	Clean Sweep "Rush to Organization" [E]	In a Fix "Medieval Kitchen" [E]	Overhaulin' "Beverly Hills Camaro" [E]	Against the Law "The Confession" [E]				
28	37	TNT	NBA Basketball: Sonics at Wizards [E]	NBA Basketball: Sonics at Wizards [E]	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at San Antonio Spurs. [E]	Inside the NBA [E]					
51	86	TRAV	Getting Rich [E]	Vegas Revealed [E]	Las Vegas-Foll. [E]	Getting Rich [E]	Vegas Revealed [E]				
21	82	TVLND	Munsters [E]	GreenAcre [E]	Griffith [E]	Leave [E]	Sanford [E]	All-Family [E]	3's Co. [E]	3's Co. [E]	Cheers [E]
60	89	UNIV	Rubi [E]	Amor Real [E]	Aqui y Ahora [E]	Impacto [E]	Noticiero [E]	Los Metiches [E]			
20	34	USA	Law & Order: SVU [E]	★ ★ "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. [E]	★ ★ "Out of Sight" (1998, Drama) [E]						
12	3	WB	Friends [E]	Everybody-Raymond [E]	★ ★ "Summer Catch" (2001, Comedy-Drama) Freddie Prinze Jr., Jessica Biel. [E]	WGN News at Nine [E]	Becker [E]	Becker [E]	Home Delivery [E]		
99	36	WGN	"In the Heat of the Night: By Duty Bound" [E]	WGN News at Nine [E]	Becker [E]	Becker [E]	Home Delivery [E]				

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E	S		6 pm	6:30	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30		
36	53	A&E	Biography "Tom Hanks" [E]		Biography: About Ben Stiller		Biography "Bernie Mac" Comedian Bernie Mac.		American Justice "Daughter Dearest" [E]		Biography "Tom Hanks" [E]			
4	6	ABC	8 Simple Rules (N) [E]	8 Simple Rules (N) [E]	Hope & Faith (N) [E]	Less Than Perfect (N) [E]	20/20 (N) [E]		News [E]	(:35) Night-line [E]	(06) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) [E]			
26	48	ANPL	Ultimate Zoo (N)		Venom ER Children bitten by snakes. [E]		Animal Cops Houston Abandoned ostriches.		Ultimate Zoo		Venom ER Children bitten by snakes. [E]			
63	54	BRAVO	★★★ "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams. A son's engagement throws a kink into a gay couple's life. 'R'						★★★ "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams. A son's engagement throws a kink into a gay couple's life. 'R'					
7	11	CBS	Joan of Arcadia "Game Theory" (N) [E] [E]		JAG "Automatic for the People" (N) [E] (DVS)		Cold Case "Lover's Lane" [E]		News [E]	(:35) Late Show (N) [E]	Late Late Show			
24	50	DISC	Monster Nation Building a toaster. [E]		Monster Garage [E]		American Chopper		American Chopper Old-school bike. [E]		Southern Steel "Part 3" (N)			
33	44	DISN	Kim Possible [E]	The Proud Family [E]	Braceface [E]	Lizzie McGuire [E]	Phil of the Future [E]	That's So Raven (N)	★★★★ "Toy Story" (1995, Adventure) Voices of Tom Hanks. 'G' [E]		(35) "Toy Story" 'G' [E]			
49	81	E!TV	For Love or Money [E]		Eminem: The E! THS [E]		Saturday Night Live [E]		Howard S. [E]	Howard S. [E]	Saturday Night Live [E]			
22	56	ESPN	(5:00) PGA Golf Mercedes Championships -- Second Round. [E]						NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers. [E]					
54	57	ESPN2	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Minnesota Timberwolves. [E]						SportsCenter (Live) [E]		NFL Live [E]			
32	46	FAM	★★★ "The Sandlot" (1993) Tom Guiry. [E]						Who? [E]		The 700 Club [E]		Precious in His Sight	
59	-	FIT TV	Guru2Go (N) [E]		Extremists [E]		Lives of Contortionists [E]		Guru2Go [E]		Extremists [E]			
35	31	PMC	(:01) ★★★★★ "The Hustler" (1961, Drama) Paul Newman. [E]						(:31) ★ "Fire Sale" (1977, Comedy) [E]		(:01) "The Super" (1991) [E]			
58	59	FORD	Emeril Live Garlic-stud-		Inside Dish [E]		\$40-a-Day [E]		Kitchen Accomplished [E]		Iron Chef Challenger [E]			